



TOWN OF BRIDGEVILLE

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From the President's Desk

Many of you have heard that in November of 2007 the internationally acclaimed Punkin Chunkin Festival will be coming to Bridgeville. This Festival joins the two well established attractions already firmly entrenched in Bridgeville, the Apple Scrapple Festival (October 13th - 14th) and Christmas in Bridgeville (December 2nd).

Punkin Chunkin will be held on the Wheatley Farms property located east of Town between County Roads 594 and 591. This is land the Town has leased for our spray irrigation program. The Chunkers come with their own organization, so no additional people are needed to handle this three-day affair that attracts 40-45,000 visitors each year. The money raised is used for scholarships and charity donations. There will be a Town of Bridgeville Scholarship given in our name by this organization. The place to be in the Fall will be Bridgeville.

On Saturday, October 21, 2006, between the hours of 10 AM and 2 PM, we have scheduled a Referendum that will enable the Town to borrow \$750,000 from the State of Delaware to purchase a Bio-Reactor Unit for our existing Wastewater Treatment Plant. This unit will enable us to upgrade our plant and bring it in line with Federal Clean Water requirements. It will reduce the amount of nitrogen and phosphorous that we presently discharge into the headwaters of the Nanticoke River. We anticipate paying this loan back from existing revenues, with no increase in our present wastewater rates. Moreover, since this is a loan from the government, it does not affect our bonded indebtedness cap of 4 million dollars.

On September 11, 2006, the Commission adopted our updated Comprehensive Land Use Plan. We are presently in serious negotiations with the Office of State Planning Coordination as to 142 acres that, if annexed, will be donated to the Town for use as a Park. Because the land is presently in the Agricultural Preservation Program, the Department of Agriculture is opposing the use of this land as a park. I will keep you informed as negotiations continue, but I will tell you that the Commission is determined to see this land become available to be used by all the people of Bridgeville.

As Bridgeville continues to grow, we must plan for increased Town Services. We have developed a new wastewater and water facilities plans to be prepared in this area. We continue to look at the Code Enforcement area and recreational programs and now we have begun to address our need to plan for Emergency Services. In the Fiscal 2007 budget, the position of Director of Public Safety was established. We envisioned this position as one that would examine our overall readiness for growth in the Police service area, coordination of emergency services, and homeland security issues. In the past we have added enough policemen to provide police protection 24 hours a day, seven days a week. But in what direction do we go at this point? Do we need a detective division? How about a canine unit? We looked at consultant services to provide these answers but found them expensive and incomplete. Thus, the new position was created.

We advertised this position locally and statewide and received 19 applications. We were quite pleased at the quality and expertise of the applicants. Interviews were held and our selection is Mr. Aaron Chaffinch, who will become our first Director. Aaron's experience, background and education makes him a perfect fit. Being a local young man didn't hurt either. He will oversee our Police Department; however, the department will still be run by Chief Allen Parsons. The Director of Public Safety will look at our emergency planning and response capabilities and he will involve himself in Homeland Security, an issue which the Town is now required to address under federal regulations.

Growth can only be handled properly by planning. Your Commission is committed to that process.

Finally, Apple Scrapple returns on Friday and Saturday, October 13th and 14th. From the Opening Ceremony on Friday evening to the closing Fireworks and Street Dance Saturday evening, this year's celebration could be the best ever. But once again, our residents will be inconvenienced. We ask for your continued cooperation, patience and understanding. Most of the money that our various organizations (schools, clubs, churches, senior center, library, etc.) are able to raise comes from this yearly event.

Now if the weather will only cooperate...

Joe Conaway

Minutes from the Monthly Commission Meetings

July 10, 2006

Traffic arrests for June were 246; Criminal arrests for June were 42.

Twenty-two building permits were issued in June bringing revenue of \$13,915, and during the Fiscal-06 budget year which ended June 30th, 238 building permits were issued by the Town of Bridgeville.

Twenty-two water meters were installed and five sewer/water inspections were completed at Heritage Shores.

Trees were trimmed and weeds sprayed throughout Town.

Record high flows were reported at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, with infiltration of water from various sources into the sewer system. This was due to flooding on June 25th.

The Commission commended Public Works employees Phillip Mowbray and Doug Jones for their services during the flooding. N. Cannon Street received significant damage and has since been repaired by the Delaware Department of Transportation.

A pole building is being constructed for the Public Works Department to house equipment and provide office space for employees.

Consumer Confidence Reports were sent to residents in June regarding Town water quality.

Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company members Doris and Kenneth McIlvain were honored by the Commissioners for being inducted into the Delmarva Volunteer Fireman's Association Hall of Fame and Hall of Honor.

The Town received notification of a Community Development Block Grant allocation in the amount of \$87,500 for 5 rehabilitations and \$10,000 for 1 demolition.

Ordinance A06-3 to reduce the Town property tax from \$1.83 to \$1.73 per \$100 of assessed value was adopted by the Commission.

Ordinance A06-4 to ensure the peace, safety and good order of the Town was adopted by the Commission. This Ordinance deals with loitering, disorderly conduct and assemblies on public property.

A Conditional Use was granted to Gerry Royal of 219 First St. to extend daycare hours to a 24-hour operation.

Street paving/curbing bids have been awarded for projects to be accomplished throughout Town prior to the Apple Scapple Festival.

August 14, 2006

Traffic arrests for July were 255; Criminal arrests for July were 53.

Eight building permits were issued in July bringing revenue of \$304.

Thirty-six water meters were installed and nine sewer/water inspections were completed at Heritage Shores.

Three summer youth program employees were hired and they assisted in painting curbs, trimming trees and general Town clean-up projects.

New Police Officers Robert Brode from Harrington and Robert James from Bridgeville were introduced. The Town Police force has grown to 7 officers.

The Commission approved the World Champion Punkin Chunkin relocation to the Bridgeville area in November 2007.

The Commissioners adopted a 457b investment funding plan for full-time employees.

Security systems have been installed at the Town Wastewater Treatment facilities.

The Bridgeville Police Department received authorization to apply for three grants: a \$500 grant for the National Impaired Driving Campaign; grant monies to purchase 4 A.E.D.'s (automatic external defibrillators); and a \$22,300 grant to purchase Motorola radios.

The Town has entered into a contract with A-1 Wildlife to trap squirrels unharmed and relocate them to the Redden Forest. Verizon transformers have been blown due to squirrels chewing on electrical lines.

The Town is receiving demolition bids for 102 and 104 N. Main St. and plans to have the structures demolished by the end of September.

A Resolution proposing that \$750,000 be borrowed by the Commissioners of Bridgeville to provide funds for upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant was adopted. The Town has been approved for a government loan for these improvements.

Mt. Calvary United Methodist Church received permission to hold revival services and a Block Party August 22-26, including closing part of N. Cannon/First Sts. on August 26.

Minutes from the Monthly Commission Meetings

September 11, 2006

Traffic arrests for August were 264; Criminal arrests for August were 27.

Twenty-four building permits were issued in August bringing revenue of \$18,434.50.

This is the 95th consecutive month without a NPDES violation at the Wastewater Treatment facility.

Twenty water meters were installed and fifteen sewer/water inspections were completed at Heritage Shores. Meters installed now total 301.

The 2nd Phase water/sewer infrastructure at Heritage Shores has been completed.

Two new steel roll-up doors were provided by Lennar Homes for the Heritage Shores pump station. These doors will protect the wet well area and equipment from an on-going bird nesting problem.

The Commissioners approved a one-year extension to the M-T Trash garbage contract. They have been very pleased with the quality of service provided by M-T Trash and their interest in the community.

Town Manager Walls welcomed new part-time Code Enforcement Constable, Mr. Jerry Butler.

A replacement water cooler was installed at Town Hall by Water Superintendent Doug Jones.

The Commissioners approved the Food Vendor list for the Apple Scrapple Festival.

The Commissioners have scheduled a Referendum on October 21st from 10 AM - 2 PM to approve or disapprove the borrowing of \$750,000 for upgrades to the Town Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Ordinance A06-7 to adopt the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Amendment was approved by the Commissioners. This is a required, 5-year update to the Plan and involves, for the most part, changes to the Town growth area.

The Town is the recipient of a \$1,489 grant for tree planting from the U.S. Forestry Program.

The Commissioners approved the hiring of Mr. L. Aaron Chaffinch, former superintendent of the Delaware State Police, as the Director of Public Safety for the Town of Bridgeville.

The 2006 curbing project continues, with most of the handicap ramps and curbing completed. Paving projects will begin in the middle of September.

Town Manager's Report

We are currently working with other municipalities and Sussex County representatives from the Emergency Preparedness Office to implement an emergency plan for the Town. A Disaster Preparedness Brochure to assist with emergencies is forthcoming.

There are important steps residents can take now to prepare for an emergency. All properties must clearly display their house number. Should you need an ambulance, fire department, etc., house numbers are a must so your dwelling can be located quickly.

We must all take an active role in preparing for disaster emergencies to protect our families. A Family Disaster Kit Materials List is enclosed. Please pay serious attention to the list and gather your supplies.

When an emergency occurs, a concern for many families is their pets. Red Cross shelters do not accept animals, so alternate provisions must be made. Enclosed is an Emergency Critter Bag listing suggested by the Delaware Animal Disaster Services (DADS), whose goal is "No Pet Left Behind". Call 302-856-5815 for further information.

The street and curbing project throughout Town is now complete. On behalf of the Commissioners, we extend our

sincere appreciation to Senator Adams and Representative Ewing for their financial support.

The most rewarding news I can report is the demolition of 102 and 104 N. Main St. These properties have been a health/safety hazard and an eyesore for a long time. It is a pleasure to see the area clean and safe. Our thanks to Mr. Jeff Bowers of the Jardevtan Corporation on West Market St. for their efforts in seeding the lots. We sincerely appreciate their interest and dedication to the community.

Please welcome two new employees to our Town staff. As Director of Public Safety, Mr. Aaron Chaffinch brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the police department. Integrated with an efficient team led by Police Chief Parsons, we are anticipating a top-notch law enforcement department that is fully trained and prepared for emergencies. Our new Code Enforcement Constable, Mr. Jerry Butler, joins us with an extensive background in the construction trades. He will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays for building permits and code enforcement issues. We are pleased to have these gentlemen join us.

Looking forward to sunny fall weather and seeing you at Apple Scrapple.

Bonnie Walls

TOWN NEWS

REFERENDUM

Borrowing Money for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

Saturday, October 21, 2006

10 AM - 2 PM at Bridgeville Town Hall

The Commissioners of Bridgeville will hold a Referendum to approve or disapprove the borrowing by the Commissioners of the Town of Bridgeville a sum not to exceed \$750,000 to provide funds for upgrades to the Town Wastewater Treatment Plant, including the purchase of equipment, and all other necessary and related matters associated therewith, and that the borrowing be secured by a bond issue, grant application or other financial obligation.

The referendum is explained further on page 1 of The Journal. The Town has already been approved for a government loan.

Residents age 18 and older, homeowners or business owners are entitled to one vote in this referendum. Please bring a Delaware state license and proof of address.

VOTE!

Sex Offender List Update

The Town of Bridgeville will continue to inform residents of sex offenders residing within Town limits. This is a current, complete list. If you have any questions, please call the Bridgeville Police Department at 337-8302.

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Risk Level</u>
John R.	Brumskin	Moderate
Christopher L.	Corkell	Moderate
Jerel D.	Custis	High
Terrence	Teagle	Moderate

Caroling in the Park

This Bridgeville tradition takes place the first Friday night in December. Join other Bridgeville residents for a Community Christmas Carol Sing on December 1st, 6:30 PM at the Historical Society Park on the corner of William St. and Delaware Ave.

Please bring canned goods for the needy. The Town office will add these to canned goods collected by Town employees and distribute them to the needy in our community at Christmas. These families are always very appreciative of the gift.

Christmas Home Decorating Contest

The Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville announces its annual Christmas Home Decorating Contest. All homes within Town limits are invited to compete and residents do not have to register to participate.

Homes and doorways are eligible and must include holiday decorations appropriate for Christmas. Judging will occur between Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Winners will be notified.

This is the 61st anniversary of the Kiwanis Christmas Home Decorating Contest. The event began in 1945 following the "black out nights" of World War II.

15th Annual Apple Scrapple Festival

October 13 - 14

Festival Committee News

The festival committee would like to thank Bridgeville residents in advance for their cooperation during the Festival.

Street Closings during the Festival:

- Delaware Avenue
- Walnut Street (400 block)
- Mechanic Street
- South Cannon Street (Market to Walnut Street)
- Laws Street (Market to Edgewood Street)
- William Street (Market to Walnut Street),
- Railroad Avenue (Market to Walnut Street)
- Market Street will be closed to all traffic on Saturday, October 14th from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Alley Permits will be distributed to residents prior to the festival who need entrance into their property that day. There will be a few food vendors setting up on Thursday the 12th, in front of non-residential properties.

Home Decorating Contest

The Bridgeville Kiwanis Club will again sponsor this popular contest. All homes within Town limits are eligible. Judging will take place on Thursday, October 12th between 4 PM and 7 PM and winners will be announced on Friday, October 13th from the Apple Scrapple Festival stage after the Opening Ceremony. Join in the fun and help create community spirit! Decorations must include the Apple Scrapple Festival theme. For further information, call 337-7070.

www.applescrapple.com

Library Carnival

**** Home Town Preview Night Thurs., Oct. 12th****
**** 4 PM - 9 PM ****

Important: An \$18.00 wristband buys you a whole evening of fun. Plus, take advantage of the \$3.00 OFF COUPON to be sent home with elementary/middle school students for more savings!

The carnival is also open:

Friday, October 13th
4 PM - 10 PM

(Wristband good from 4 PM - 8 PM)

Saturday, October 14th
10 AM - 11 PM

Fireworks Display

For the first time in Apple Scrapple Festival history, there will be a display of fireworks on Saturday, October 14th, at approximately 7:30 PM. The display will take place at the end of S. Cannon St. The bleachers at the football field, located on Sussex Ave. Ext. will be available for viewing the fireworks. A special thanks to the sponsor of the fireworks, Providence of Brookfield Homes, Heritage Shores, Bridgeville.

Bridgeville Historical Society

The Museum, at the corner of William St. and Delaware Ave., will be open from 10 AM - 4 PM. The Nanticoke Indian Dancers will perform at the Historical Society Park at 10 AM and 2 PM, and the comedy group Tombstone Posse will perform at 11 AM and 3 PM.

New Faces on the Block

Welcome to our new Homeowners!

Emily's Pintail Drive:

The Carlos Alvarezs
 The William Atwoods
 The Kevin Fallons
 The Daniel Galleys
 The Donald Heflins
 The Leo Lynches
 The Maurice Morins
 The Cheum Ni's
 The Lee Ordways

Emily's Pintail Drive:

The Paul Schroers
 Talbot Watkins, III
 The John Zdrojewskis

Whistling Duck Drive:

The Nicholas Detoros
 The Dennis Gallaghers
 The Douglas Mintons
 The Charles Rosarios
 The Larry Skalas

Amanda's Teal Drive:

The Phillip Clarks
 Barbara Grube
 The Rubin Naimarks
 Dolores Ann Williams

Gadwall Circle:

R. Cacace & C. Vega
 The Donald Fooks
 The Charles Mortons

Edgewood Street:

Frederick Davis
 The Samuel Millmans

Market Street:

The Thomas Careys
 John Gladmon, III

Walnut Street:

Lilliane Lynn

Delaware Avenue:

Kathleen Martucci

Adams Rd./Church St.

The Isaiah Daniels

Community Activities

Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville News

American Flags

Because of recent high winds and rain, the American Flags installed along 5 community streets were severely damaged and removed from service. They usually remain in place through the Apple Scrapple Festival. The Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville has sponsored this project since 1991. Look for new flags to be installed by May 2007.

Chicken Barbecue

The Kiwanis Chicken Barbecue operated weekends from mid April through October 8th this year. Funds raised go toward scholarships, community projects, children and youth programs, as well as assistance with emergency needs for the less fortunate. In 2005 the Kiwanians donated \$27,000. This year 20 local organizations were helped with their fundraising efforts, with contributions over \$31,000. 2006 has been the best year of barbecue sales to date. The Club wishes to thank everyone that helped with this major fundraising effort, especially those that supported the Club with their barbecue chicken platter purchases.

Upcoming Projects

- Sponsor Apple Scrapple Home Decorating Contest. See the Apple Scrapple Festival news on page 5 for details.
- Sponsor the Harry C. Banning Memorial Race at Harrington Raceway, Oct. 16th.
- Host the Annual Kiwanis Football Trophy program with the Delmar and Woodbridge High School teams and coaches.
- Assist the UUMC Sunday School with a contribution of hams for Christmas Baskets for the less fortunate.
- Sponsor the Community Christmas Home Decorating Contest for Bridgeville residences. See page 4 for details.

Kiwanis International is a worldwide community service organization with an emphasis on supporting needs, programs and activities for children and youth. Anyone who is interested in becoming involved in the Bridgeville/Greenwood area can contact club secretary, G.F. "Sonny" Hardesty at 337-7070.

Lions Club News

The Lions and Lioness wish to thank everyone in the community that helped make this the most successful year ever for the Oyster and Crab Cake Trailer. All of the profits will be used for various community needs.

As a reminder, anyone wishing to become a member of this great service organization can contact:

Lions: Bill Seitz, Membership Chairman 337-3098

Lioness: Hilda Donnelly, Lioness President 629-4114

Don't forget the Lions "Halloween Party in the Park" at the Historical Society Park, Oct. 31st at 8 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bridgeville Library Closings

Thur. Oct. 12	Sat. Dec. 23
Sat. Oct. 14	Mon. Dec. 25
Wed. Nov. 22	Tue. Dec. 26
Thur. Nov. 23	Sat. Dec. 30

Bridgeville Historical Society News

Christmas in Bridgeville

"Find that special gift" at this year's Christmas Craft Show on Saturday, December 2, from 9 AM - 3 PM at Woodbridge High School. Admission is free this year! Be sure to buy a chance to win a solid oak antique wash stand. As of this date, vendor space is still available; contact John Shockley at 337-7885.

Gift Idea

Bridgeville: A Community History of the 19th Century (reprint)

On sale for \$35.00 at the Bridgeville Public Library, Layton's Hardware and Rawlins, Ferguson, Jones & Lewis.



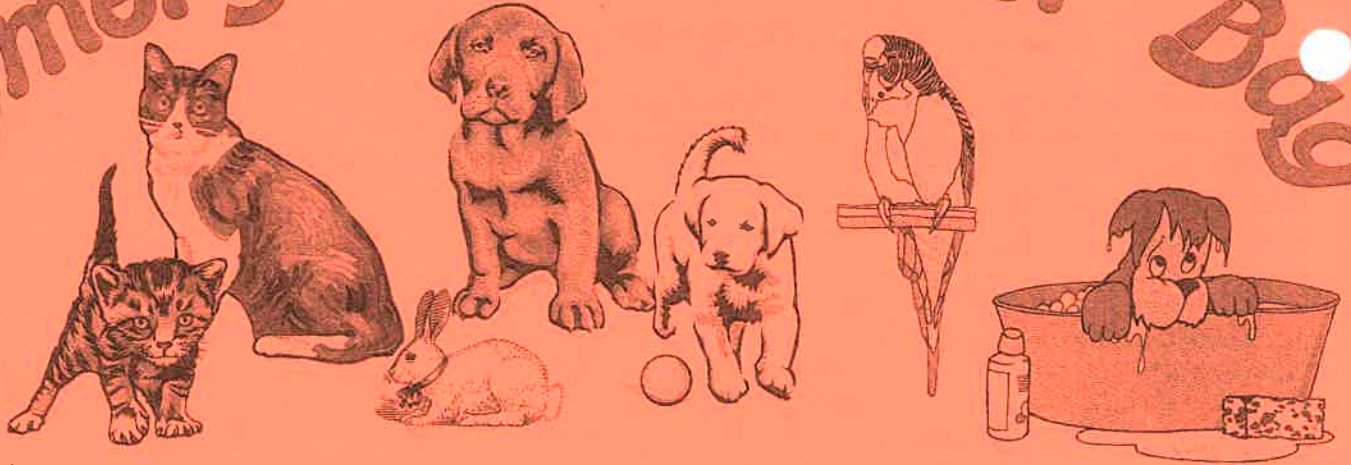
Family Disaster Kit Materials

Container

Medical and Insurance Documents (Keep in Ziploc Bag)
Life Insurance and Home Owners Insurance Policy (Keep in Ziploc Bag)
First Aid Kit
Flash light (extra batteries)
Manual can opener
Utility knife
Fire extinguisher, small ABC.
Aluminum foil
Paper and pencil
Needles and thread
Shut off wrench for gas and water
Whistle
Plastic Sheeting
Family special items (Personal Medical Items)
Cash
Candles (Oil lanterns)
Matches in plastic bag
Hot & Cold capable cups
Plastic Plates
Plastic Utensils
Plastic storage containers (Ziploc bags, Tupperware)
Battery Radio (extra batteries)
Tape (duct, etc.)
Clothing & Bedding
Tools and Supplies
Towelettes
Toilet Paper
Garbage bags for personal sanitation uses.
Personal hygiene items
Disinfectant
Special item - Baby (formula, diapers, bottles, powdered milk, medications)
Adults Medications, Insulin, Denture Needs, Contact lenses and Supplies, Glasses
Entertainment (cards, games)
Clothes One complete change of clothing and footwear per person. Hat and Gloves
Pet Foods, etc.
Once a year rethink needs, rotate batteries and clothes, etc.

Food - Non-perishable
Can goods (meats, fruits, vegetables, juices, soup)
Even if needs refrigeration if family is large enough may eat the item in one opening, not an issue.
High-energy food, (peanut butter, crackers, jelly, granola bars)
Water (one gallon per person per day, includes food prep and sanitation) (minimum of 3 days per person)
Staples (salt, pepper, sugar)
Vitamins
Special diet needs.
Comfort /
Stress foods (cookies, hard candy, sweetened cereals, instant coffee, and tea bags)
Can of sterno for heating food.
day to two-week supply, depending on local community history of disaster and response.
Enough for people in the house plus the possibility that you might have neighbors with you.
Put in central location.
Rotate food every six months.
Change stored water every six months

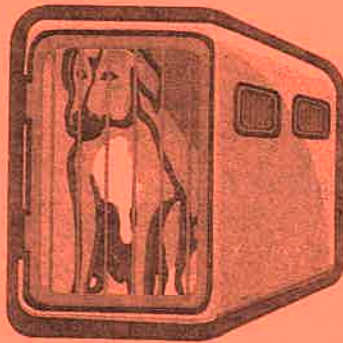
Emergency Critter Bag



Only dogs used to assist the impaired are allowed in emergency shelters.
All cats & other small animals should be crated.



Leash



Snacks



Favorite Toy

Pet Photos



Water and bowl



Food and Bowl



Pet First Aid Kit

Collar with Dog Tags



Plastic Bags for Clean-up



Always be sure you have the veterinary records
with an emergency telephone number.



Community Activities

Bridgeville Public Library News

Bridgeville Genealogy Group

The fall meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18th, 7 PM at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Guest Speaker will be Shirley Herndon and discussion will include alternative censuses and bounty lands. A general Q&A will follow and refreshments will be served.

Harvest Moon Celebration

Enjoy an autumn night with apple cider, pumpkin cake and 'smores. Learn amazing facts about the moon and what scientists are looking for on its surface. Find out about upcoming moon missions and gaze at the moon through a telescope. Join Ms. Kathy and Ms. Karen for a fun-filled evening on Wednesday, October 25th from 6 PM - 8 PM on the lawn at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Storytime Divides into Two Sessions on Tuesdays

Storytime for 2-4 Year-Olds - 10 AM Learn the Alphabet, along with a Mystery Theme on the last Tuesday of every month.

Storytime for 4-6 Year-Olds - 11 AM Mystery Theme on the first Tuesday of every month.



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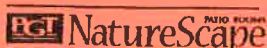
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Important Dates to Remember

October 10-12 **Monthly Street Sweeping**

12 **Apple Scrapple Home Decorating Contest Judging**

13-14 **15th Annual Apple Scrapple Festival**
www.applescrapple.com

31 **Bridgeville "Trick or Treat" Night**
6 PM - 8 PM
(Children 12 years of age and under)

Lions Club Halloween Party
8 PM Historical Society Park

November 5 **Bridgeville Fire Company Dinner**
Noon - 5 PM Fire Hall

6 **Monthly Commission Meeting**
7 PM at Town Hall
(*Note change from November 13)

7 **Election Day**

9 **Sussex County Return Day**
Town Offices Closed

11 **Veterans Day**

14-16 **Monthly Street Sweeping**

23-24 **Thanksgiving Holiday**
Town Offices Closed

25 **Saturday Trash Pick-up**

December 1 **Caroling in the Park**
6:30 PM - Historical Society Park

2 **Christmas in Bridgeville Craft Show**
9 AM - 3 PM at Woodbridge H.S.

11 **Monthly Commission Meeting**
7 PM at Town Hall

12-14 **Monthly Street Sweeping**

22 **Town Offices Closed - Christmas Holiday**

24 **Christmas Eve**

25 **Christmas Day - Town Offices Closed**

25 - 30 **Christmas Home Decorating Contest**
Sponsored by Kiwanis - Judging takes place during this week.

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